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56 SOW NKP

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 3154

CINCPAC FOR POLAD: 13 AF ADVON, 432 TRW, 56 SOW AND 8 TFW
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E. O. 111652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PINT, PFOR, LA
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - APRIL 24

REF: VIENTIANE 3113

BEGIN SUMMARY: MILITARY - GROUND AND AIR ACTION IN LAOS
FELL TO LOW EBB WITH ONLY ONE MAJOR AND THREE MINOR
INCIDENTS RECORDED. RLAF FLEW THREE T-28 SORTIES, ALL
IN SUPPORT OF TROOPS IN CONTACT.

POLITICAL - PHOUMI VONGVICHIT LEFT SAM NEUA ENROUTE
TO VIENTIANE. LPF DEL, LED BY NOUHAK PHOUMSAVAN, ARRIVED
IN NORTH KOREA APRIL 23. END SUMMARY

1. SECTION I - CEASEFIRE OBSERVANCE

A. MR I: NO SIGNIFICANT GROUND OR AIR ACTION REPORTED
23 APRIL. UPDATE OF MAJOR ENEMY ATTACK 20 APRIL AGAINST
THREE FRIENDLY MILITIA POSITIONS SOME 30 KM NORTHWEST OF
XIENG LOM INDICATES ENEMY ALSO FIRED 14 ROUNDS 82 MM
MORTAR INTO FRIENDLY POSITIONS. CASUALTIES IN THAT ACTION
NOW TOTAL 2 FRIENDLY KIA, 4 WIA, WITH ALL MIA'S ACCOUNTED
FOR. ENEMY IS PREDICTING INCREASED "LIBERATION" EFFORTS
IN THIS AREA OF NORTHWEST LAOS. RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.

B. MR II: ONE MAJOR AND NO MINOR ATTACKS REPORTED. AT
1700 HOURS (1200 Z) 22 APRIL, ENEMY BATTALION, SUPPORTED
BY 400 ROUNDS OF MIXED ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE, LAUNCHED
MAJOR ATTACK AGAINST FRIENDLY OUTPOST POSITIONS 20 KM WEST/
NORTHWEST OF BOUAM LONG (UR 065896/065891/058885/04992/
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033900). FRIENDS WERE FORCED TO ABANDON POSITIONS WITH
UNKNOWN CASUALTIES AND HAVE YET TO REGROUP. RLAF FLEW 3
T-28 SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF TROOPS OPERATING AGAINST ENEMY
IN FOREGOING SECTOR.

C. MR III: NO SIGNIFICANT GROUND/ AIR ACTION REPORTED 23
APRIL, ALTHOUGH DELAYED REPORT CITES MINOR INCIDENT

21 APRIL 19 KM NORTHEAST OF SENO WITH FRIENDLY UNIT RECEIVING 5 ROUNDS 82 MM MORTAR FIRE (NO CASUALTIES). UPDATE OF ONE MAJOR ENEMY ATTACK 19 APRIL SOUTHEAST OF THAKHEK REVEALS 25 FRIENDS STILL MISSING AND FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT LOSSES: 31 M-16 RIFLES, ONE 60 MM MORTAR, 3 M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHERS, AND 2 RADIOS.

D. MR IV: ONLY INCIDENT RECORDED IN REGION WAS MINOR SKIRMISH BETWEEN FRIENDLY PLATOON AND APPROX 25 ENEMY IN AREA 28 KM NORTHEAST OF SOUKHOUMA. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES REPORTED AND ENEMY CASUALTIES UNKNOWN. RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.

E. MR V: ENEMY INITIATED ONE MINOR ATTACK BY FIRE 23 APRIL AGAINST FRIENDLY POSITION 18 KM NORTH OF BORIKHANE. POSITION RECEIVED 20 ROUNDS 107 MM ROCKET FIRE (NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES). A LOCAL COMMANDER ON SCENE HAS STATED THAT A DEFACTO BUFFER ZONE APPROX 2 TO 3 KM WIDE NOW EXISTS BETWEEN OPPOSING FORCES ALONG ROUTE 4/7 JUST EAST OF SALA PHOU KHOUN. RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.

F. COUNT OF CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS: RLG DEFMIN ANNOUNCED FIVE ADDITIONAL ENEMY CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, BRINGING TOTAL TO 419 AS OF MORNING 21 APRIL. (COMMENT: OUR COUNT OF GROUND CONTACTS INITIATED BY BOTH SIDES SHOWS 103 MAJOR AND 556 MINOR INCIDENTS THROUGH 20 APRIL. END COMMENT)

2. SECTION 11 - POLITICAL SECTION

A. PATHET LAO RADIO, APRIL 24, MADE URGENT BROADCAST ANNOUNCING THAT SPECIAL ADVISOR PHOUMI VONGVICHIT LEFT SAM NEUA FOR VIENTIANE " TO CONTINUE HIS TASKS OF RESTORING PEACE AND ACHIEVING NATIONAL CONCORD IN THE SPIRIT OF THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE TWO SIDES." CONFIDENTIAL

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(COMMENT: PHOUMI HAS HITHERTO ALWAYS TRAVELED FROM SAM NEUA TO VIENTIANE USING AEROFLOT FROM HANOI. THE NEXT AEROFLOT FLIGHTS TO VIENTIANE ARE ON APRIL 26 AND 28. END COMMENT)

B. LPF DEL, LED BY NOUHAH PHOUMSAVAN, ARRIVED IN PYONG YANG, APRIL 23, ON THE THIRD STOP OF ITS CURRENT TOUR OF " FRIENDLY" SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. DEAN

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